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TO: Chief, [illegible]

DATE: 19 February 1953

FROM: Chief, [illegible] [redacted]

SUBJECT: GENERAL – Operational/[illegible]
SPECIFIC – Joseph TIEFENBACHER

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Name: TIEFENBACHER, Joseph (Sepp)

Age: 51 Years

Nationality: Citizen of West German Republic

Married to Ellen TIEFENBACHER, age 40; has three sons age 14, 10 and 8. The entire family is in Egypt.

Background Material: Subject was one of the earliest members of the NSDAP (NAZI) Party and held a party identity card with a number under 20. He served as ceremonial chamberlain to Adolph Hitler until the latter committed suicide in April 1945. After VE Day Subject was arrested by the British and was tried as a war criminal and given a life sentence. He was released, for undisclosed reasons, in 1951 – six months prior to his departure to Egypt.

Present position in Egypt: Subject is secretary to Dr. Wilhelm Voss, the senior German advisor to the Egyptian Government at the Ministry of War. He was selected by the Egyptian Government about the same time as Dr. Voss and worked with the latter during the recruitment of approximately 80 Czech and German military and technical experts now in Egypt. According to Source, he has a great deal of influence with Voss and the other advisors and is violently anti-communist. Subject became acquainted with Haj Amin al-Husayni, the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, when the latter was a refugee in Germany during the war. He has a photograph of Hitler, the Grand Mufti and himself of which he is very proud. He has visited the Grand Mufti in Cairo on numerous occasions.

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Source states that TIEFENBACHER has been doing a considerable amount of work at the new German Embassy in Cairo in evenings and on weekends. Both he and Dr. Voss are reported to have considerably more influence with both the Egyptian and West German Governments than Dr. Gunther Pawelka, the German Ambassador, and Voss, who is now in Germany, is allegedly seeking diplomatic status for both himself and TIEFENBACHER.

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